

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please amend the fourth paragraph on page 4 of the specification as follows:

5. To provide a device which can be quickly, easily, and inexpensively fabricated from common materials such as quilted cotton, and Velcro-hook and loop closures but without bulky hardware or buttons.

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 6 and 7 of the specification, as follows:

Figure 8 shows the harness with right and left back waist pieces 9 and 10 overlapped and secured by Velcro-hook and loop closures (not shown between the overlapping waist pieces). The adjustable strap 8 is shown in use as a tether connected to the overlapping waist pieces 9 and 10 by clipping one end of the strap 8 to the upper back D ring 4. The other end of strap 8 is adjusted to form a loop through which the hand of an adult can be placed and used to control the child while the child and adult are walking together.

Please amend the second paragraph on page 7 of the specification as follows:

Figure 10 is a back view of the harness that shows the upper and lower back D rings 4 and the Velcro-hook portion of the hook and loop closure 12. The other piece of Velcro-loop portion of the hook and loop closure is attached to the back of the left back waist piece 10 (not shown).

Please change item 12 at line 11 in the reference numerals list on page 8, as follows:

12. Velcro-strip hook and loop closure strip

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 11 and 12 of the specification, as follows:

The preferred embodiment of the invention of the Application comprises a harness comprising a pair of shoulder straps 1 and a waist piece 2, where the shoulder straps go over the shoulders of the child to be restrained, and the waist piece extends from the abdomen of the child around the sides of the child and is closed by overlapping of the right and left portions of the back waist pieces 9 and 10. The preferred embodiment for overlapping and securing the two portions is mating Velcro-hook and loop pairs 12. Other waist piece securing means can be used. The preferred parts for securing the harness to the chair, stroller, etc. include a waist piece attachment means, including several belt loops 3 and 5 attached to the waist piece 2 and D rings 4 attached at several points on the waist piece including the bottom of the belt loops. An adjustable strap 8, approximately 50 inches long fitted with a snap hook or swivel snap hook 6 at each end (or other strap attachment means such as mating Velcro-hook and loop pieces, snaps, or buckles), and a strap adjuster 7 (which could comprise a slip buckle through which the adjustable strap 8 can move and to which one end of the adjustable strap 8 is attached, or similar strap adjuster means known to those skilled in the art) and D ring 4, are attached through the belt loops on the waist

piece or to the D rings 4 on the waist piece 2 and then securely positioned around some portion of the chair or stroller etc. to which the harness is to be attached. The shoulder straps, waist piece, belt loops, and adjustable strap can be made of woven cotton or artificial fiber fabric. Artificial fiber may in some cases be stronger and more durable and more stain resistant. The cotton or artificial fiber material is assembled by standard fabric stitching techniques, known to those skilled in the art. When the child is walking with an adult, the adjustable strap may be configured with a loop at one end, or other gripping means, which the adult can hold, and attached at the other end to the waist piece of the harness.

Please amend the second paragraph on page 15 of the specification as follows:

The invention of the Application is primarily designed for children ages 10 months to 3 years, and weighing approximately 20 to 35 pounds, although other versions could be sized for larger children or adults, especially disabled adults. The back waist pieces overlap and are secured in many positions by Velcro-hook and loop pairs, depending on the size of the child. The device should be used for children who can sit up on their own. It is not appropriate for use alone in any type of moving vehicle such as in a car or bicycle.

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 16 and 17 of the specification, as follows:

The device could also be made to fit an older child or a disabled adult with slight modifications. The purpose of the harness would be too lightly secure a mentally handicapped child or adult to a chair for a short period. For this purpose, the device would not include D rings 4 in the front or back, and the waist pieces 2, 9, and 10, would 16 be designed to closely resemble an adult piece of clothing such as a vest. The adult version may or may not include a Velcro-hook and loop closure. The adjustable strap would be reconfigured slightly to resemble a belt (rather than a tether) so that it could be slid through belt loops 3 and 5 and secured around the spokes of the chair as shown in Figure 2, or around the back of the chair as shown in Figure 3. When the adult or older child is not sitting, the belt would simply stay in place around the waist secured by the belt loops.